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Badger

Grey-haired, the badger snarls out
from a nearby rock, while I hike
down the trail's dead-center, alone.
I know that feeling, wanting to defend,
a little too vociferously, my solitude.
He marks me as an intruder, bares
his claws, gives no ground
to an interloper at his doorstep.
I suppose that's what comes
from living in holes. I'm no fool.
I give in, detour, take a tangential
path down the trail, while the badger
gives one small snort of disappointment,
as if expecting better—from a bigger
foe who walks upright—a fight.

Dave Seter

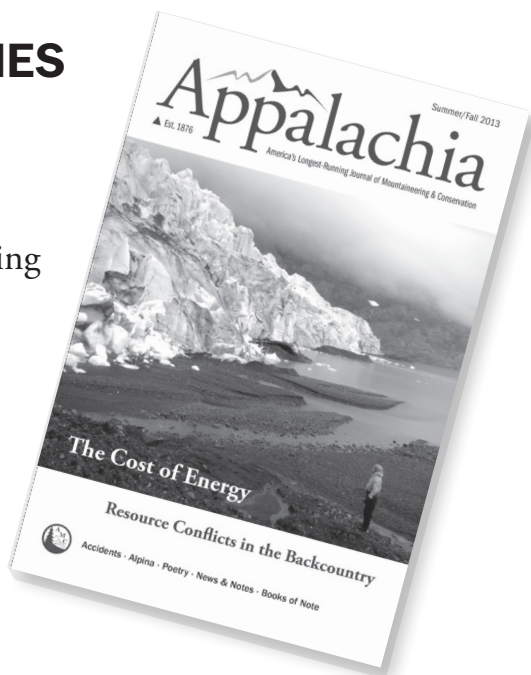
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